[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

Rule 52 of the Registration Rules.

14. MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): With reference to question No. 88, regarding rule 52 of the Registration Rules, asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd Karkadakam, 1098, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have arrived at any decision modifying the operation of the said rule?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question is still engaging the attention of Government.

Rule 52 of the Registration Rules.

15. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): With reference to the answer given to my question No. 88 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th August, 1923, will the Government be pleased to say whether any orders have been passed by them on the subject of amending rule 52 of the Registration Rules?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 14.

Married Women in the Women's College.

16. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Mrs. M. O. Varghese, M.A. (Hons.), who was a teacher in the local High School for Girls, was not appointed to the Womens' College as a tutor on the score that she is a married woman?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was one of the several points taken into consideration in connection with the question of Mrs. Varghese's appointment in the Women's College.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): I wish to know whether that view has been considered and treated as a justifiable disqualification on the part of Government in what they have done.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That was not the only matter which weighed with the Government so far as that appointment was concerned.

PRESIDENT: It is not a view. That Mrs. Varghese is a married woman is a fact.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is there any provision in the T. S. R. prohibiting married women from serving in the Women's College?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do the Government know that Mrs. Varghese was in the permanent service and that she had put in over two years' service?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) Yes.

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do the Government know that Mrs. Varghese petitioned the Government at the time of the appointment in question setting forth her claims?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Had not Mrs. Varghese offered to stay in the Hostel and serve as a Tutor thereof when she applied for the post?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, she said so in that petition.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Was there at the time of the appointment in question any urgent need for an unmarried woman to serve as a Tutor in the Hostel?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): One of the items taken into consideration in respect of every woman to be appointed as a teacher in the Women's College is the possibility of her having to serve as Tutor whenever she is called upon to do so.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Has either of the two ladies appointed at the time been serving in the capacity of a Hostel Tutor since their appointment?

PRESIDENT: How are we expected to know that?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Considering that the Hostel is a common institution for all the women's institutions including the Womens' College, the High School for Girls, and the Training School for Women, and that there are nearly a hundred teachers in all these together, do not the Government think it would be easy always to find two unmarried women teachers to serve as Tutors in the Hostel?

PRESIDENT: It is argumentative. I must disallow that question.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do the Government know that Mrs. Varghese had already served as Tutor in English in the Women's College for about three months?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do the Government know that Mrs. Varghese has since left the State service, and has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in a First Grade College, *viz.*, the Queen Mary's College at Madras?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

Superintendents of Police and Grave Offences.

17. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of grave offences which have been personally investigated by the District Superintendents of Police and the Assistant Superintendents of Police during 1097 and 1098 respectively; and

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